



Veterans Home - Chippewa Falls

Family and Friends Update 7.17.2020

Happy Friday!

It is my pleasure to share with you our beloved community continues to report zero diagnosed COVID-19 cases among members and staff! We have almost all of the results back from our recent round of Covid-19 testing for all staff and there are no positive cases thus far.

One way that we are able to bring smiles to your loved one is by bringing in a beautician again! Starting Monday, our temporary beautician, Tara, will be here to start helping all of our members with hair care. She will be here once a week until our normal barber & beautician are able to return, based on Wisconsin Department of Health guidelines. There are many extra precautions being put in place to ensure safety of our members such as: extra cleaning and disinfecting; proper use of PPE during the services, masks worn by members at all times, and only having one member in the salon at a time. Our goal for her is to help as many members get their hair cut, so not all services will be available right away as we need to prioritize needs. We know that almost all of the members need haircuts, and she will be given a list of people to see each week. Thanks to Tara for helping our members during this time.

Here are some reminders if you choose to do a window visit with your loved one:

- Please put on a mask before you get out of your vehicle and wear the mask until you return back to your vehicle.
- While walking to your loved one's room, you may encounter other people along the sidewalks. If this occurs, please remain at least 6' away from them. We do have some members who like to go outside for walks so please respect their health and keep your distance.
- Once you arrive at your loved one's window, please remember to be safe. The outdoor premises is not designed for clear, full access to each window, so please watch your step.
- The window blinds are affixed and therefore cannot be pulled up for an unobstructed view.
- Since the windows need to remain closed as to not spread diseases, you will need to call your loved one on the telephone or through a virtual visit if you want to hear each other talking.

- If other families are conducting window visits nearby, please be respectful of their space and remain at least 6' away from them, too.
- Of course, if you don't feel well or if the weather is poor, please stay home for your safety.

Throughout this pandemic, you and your loved ones have endured many difficult changes and a general shift in our everyday routine. Your willingness to uphold our preventative measures is something for which we just can't thank you enough.

Again, I welcome you to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan M. Corcoran', written in a cursive style.

Megan M. Corcoran, NHA | Administrator

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